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## ENGLAND WILL BUY U. S. SECURITIES

House of Commons Passes on  
Second Reading Bill Empower-  
ing Purchase by Government.

### M'KENNA MAKES STATEMENT

Scheme Entirely Voluntary and  
With No Intention of Harass-  
ing American Market.

LONDON, December 13.—After an explanation by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna, and a short debate, the House of Commons passed this evening a second reading of the bill empowering the government to mobilize American and Canadian securities, by purchase or by borrowing, to be used primarily as collateral for loans, or in case of necessity, to be sold to meet Great Britain's liabilities in the United States.

The scheme is an entirely voluntary one, and the chancellor made it clear that the government had no intention of swamping the American market with securities which would be unfair to holders here, as they were to be paid for at the market price.

Mr. McKenna explained that the usual trade balance in favor of Great Britain had been exhausted by the huge demands made upon America for goods for England and her allies, and the amounts paid in interest on foreign securities held here, or earned by British holders were not sufficient to set this right. Consequently, in order to meet liabilities in the United States, they were obliged to go outside the ordinary course of trade, and had to borrow or sell securities.

**HOPES AMOUNT SUFFICIENT  
TO MAINTAIN EXCHANGE**

He estimated that the securities held here were valued anywhere from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 (\$1,500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000), and expressed the hope that this would be sufficient to meet our liabilities and to maintain exchange in the United States for the period of the war.

The bill met with general approval, although David Marshall, a member of the House, expressed doubt whether the scheme would affect exchange, while Frederick H. Booth, who had been to New York, said that the government would assist traders who had to meet liabilities in America, and that "these transactions will not tend to New York replacing London as the financial center of the world."

Replying to the question of Sir George Younger as to whether the government intended to continue to borrow in America upon the securities it would acquire, Edwin S. Montagu, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, speaking for Chancellor McKenna, said that the government certainly did not propose to continue to either borrow or sell. regard must be had to the position of affairs in America, and the government proposed to do in every case what seemed most advantageous for the object in view.

Asked if securities to the amount of \$100,000 were offered in the next fortnight would the government purchase them, Chancellor McKenna said that the government would be prepared to do so, but he did not anticipate anything of the kind.

The chancellor said the government had gone over the ground fully, and believed the securities available would be sufficient to meet all liabilities and give the needed support to the exchange market as long as the war lasts.

"The offer to give British credit in exchange for American securities at current market prices," said the chancellor, "can only be justified by the absolute necessity for mobilizing our American securities in order to make them of the utmost value to the nation as a whole."

Mr. McKenna said he desired to make it absolutely clear that there was no intention to swamp the American market with vast masses of securities. The government intended to hold the securities in order to deal with them, he added, and primarily they would be used as collateral securities.

### DECISION CAUSES NO SURPRISE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, December 13.—The decision of the British government to make outright purchases of American securities caused no surprise here, the plan having been reached as one of several which British Treasury officials were known to have under consideration.

International bankers regarded the proposal as in the nature of a tender or bid, that is being made solely in the interest of strengthening and maintaining exchange between this country and London. The "middle" price referred to in cables probably means a quotation midway between bid and asked prices in this market, and the elimination of brokerage or commission implies that the government intends to deal direct with the seller.

The recent revival of liquidation of our securities by British owners has further reduced the amount of American stocks and bonds owned in Great Britain. Conservative estimates place the total of such holdings at this time as well in excess of \$2,000,000,000.

### WIRELESS SEALED

Charges Made That Messages Were Received and Sent From German Steamer Bulgaria.

BALTIMORE, December 13.—The wireless apparatus on the German steamer Bulgaria, interned in the harbor here, was sealed by a United States naval officer to-day. Government officials admitted that charges had been made that messages were received and sent recently from the ship, but would not further discuss the matter.

## Virginia Senators Well Taken Care Of

Martin and Swanson on Some  
of Senate's Most Important  
Committees.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 13.—Senate committees for the present session were announced to-day, following repeated conferences among the leaders. Few changes took place in the chairmanships, but many changes in the committee personnel.

The Virginia Senators came out of the deal in excellent shape. Each of them retained his old chairmanship of a major or active committee, and Senator Swanson received more berths than any Democratic Senator in the body.

Senator Martin is chairman again of the Committee on Appropriations and a member of that on the District of Columbia, Commerce, Fisheries and Expenditures in the Departments of Commerce and the Navy.

Senator Swanson is chairman of Buildings and Grounds, Post-Offices and Rail Roads, a member of that on Education and Labor, Foreign Relations, Naval Affairs, Indian Depredations and Expenditures in the Department of Labor.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SENATE ASSIGNMENTS

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The committee changes announced to-day by the Senate Democrats showed the following important assignments:

Broussard, Military Affairs and Inter-Continental Canals.

Underwood, Interstate Commerce, Appropriations and Intercontinental Canals.

Fletcher, Banking and Currency.

Hardwick, Immigration.

### IN AID OF TOKYO HOSPITAL

Americans Urged to Give Support as  
Evidence of Friendship Toward Japan.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—President Wilson and his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, members of the Cabinet, and Viscount Clinda, the Japanese ambassador, attended a meeting held here to-day in the interest of St. Luke's International Hospital, at Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Rudolf B. Teusler, superintendent of the hospital, Mrs. Charles R. Lancaster, of Philadelphia, and Bishop L. L. Kinsolving, of Brazil, urged that Americans support the hospital as an evidence of friendship between the United States and Japan. This project, Dr. Teusler said, would establish a modern hospital in the Far East, and he added that the promotion of such institutions was the best way to build up good relations between the two countries.

Substantial subscriptions followed an appeal for assistance, voiced by Bishop Alfred Harding, of Washington, who presided. The Emperor of Japan has given \$25,000 to the hospital.

### FRANCIS M. COCKRELL DEAD

Former United States Senator From  
Missouri Succumbs to Infirmities  
of Old Age.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 13.—Francis Marion Cockrell, former United States Senator from Missouri, died here to-day.

Infirmities of old age, resulting in serious illness during the past two weeks, caused death.

Mr. Cockrell, a Democrat, served in the United States Senate from 1875 to 1895. The day he left the Senate he was appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission by President Roosevelt, and remained a member till December 31, 1910. In March, 1911, he was appointed United States Commissioner to adjust the boundary between Texas and New Mexico. He was eighty-one years old.

During the Civil War Mr. Cockrell was a Confederate army officer, rising from captain to brigadier-general. His home was Warrensburg, Mo.

As a mark of respect to former Senator Cockrell, the Senate adjourned to-day till noon on Thursday.

### BUYS FLEET OF SEVEN SHIPS

American International Corporation  
Announces Purchase of Pacific Mail  
Steamship Company's Vessels.

NEW YORK, December 13.—The American International Corporation, recently organized by interests connected with the National City Bank and other prominent financiers, to-day announced the purchase of the entire remaining fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, consisting of seven steamships.

In this venture, the corporation has secured the co-operation of William H. Grace & Co., Importers and exporters, between the United States and South America, who are represented on the board of the new international corporation. Incidentally, by this step the last fleet of vessels under the United States flag on the Pacific Ocean will not suffer complete disintegration.

### LUMBERMEN GET HEARING

Ask Government Aid in Solving Transportation and Commercial Problems.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—American lumbermen had a hearing to-day before the Federal Trade Relations Commission. At the hearings held in various cities lumbermen have told of the effecting their trade. To-day they summed up their case and asked government aid in solving transportation and commercial problems.

Joseph N. Teal, of Portland, Ore., asked for help in demonstrating how manufacturers might combine to meet foreign competition.

L. G. Boyle, a Kansas City attorney, spoke for twelve lumber organizations, including those of Southern States.

## PROMPT RELIEF SENT TO HOPEWELL

Call From Major E. W. Bowles  
for Blankets and Supplies Is  
Answered at Once.

### SPECIAL CAR CARRIES LOAD

Contributions Sent to The Times-  
Dispatch Used to Buy Articles  
Most Urgently Needed.

### Further Relief Needed

The following telegram was received last night from Major E. W. Bowles, commanding the troops at Hopewell:

Hopewell, Va., December 13.  
To The Times-Dispatch, Richmond,  
Va.:

Your generous donation of supplies for the confederate soldiers at Hopewell arrived, and they have been turned over to Dr. Gerring, of the Prince George Hospital. They filled a much-needed need. The situation here is generally satisfactory, although further relief for the sufferers is needed.

(Signed) MAJOR E. W. BOWLES.

Within two hours of the receipt here yesterday from Major E. W. Bowles, commanding the State troops at Hopewell, of a telephone call telling of immediate and urgent need for bedding and other supplies, a special car carrying the articles was speeding to the stricken town.

The request from Major Bowles, who reported that conditions at that time were pitiable, the suffering having been greatly increased by the snow and rain, was received shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The supplies needed were enumerated, the principal items being: 500 mattresses, 150 sheets, forty pillows, forty blankets, six bed pads and forty coats.

The liberality of Richmond people, who sent cash contributions to The Times-Dispatch, made it possible to respond immediately to the call. Attaches of The Times-Dispatch got into communication with Richmond merchants without a moment's delay. Immediate communication was established likewise with officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk and Western, who responded with hearty and prompt co-operation.

### RAILROADS FURNISH

SPECIAL BAGGAGE CAR

The goods ordered from Richmond dealers were delivered on board a special car attached to the fast train leaving this city at 3 o'clock. The railroad end of the relief work was handled by Superintendent E. B. Laird and C. S. Campbell, of the Atlantic Coast Line, and C. A. Overton, Jr., of the Norfolk and Western.

Quartermaster Gerring, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, with a detail of five men, accompanied the shipment of relief supplies. Besides the stores purchased with The Times-Dispatch relief fund, the special car carried also a quantity of tents and coats belonging to the Blues, and a large amount of clothing and other articles intended for relief at Hopewell. These had been sent by Richmond people to The Times-Dispatch office.

The shipment was handled without a minute's stop at Petersburg, and was delivered to Major Bowles at Hopewell, who distributed the stores immediately after unloading.

### DR. GERRING THANKS READERS OF THE TIMES-DISPATCH FOR AID

Dr. Gerring, superintendent of the Prince George Hospital at Hopewell, over the long-distance telephone last night thanked The Times-Dispatch for what it had done in sending supplies to the Hopewell sufferers. "They were badly needed," he said, "and their prompt arrival has added wonderfully in bringing comfort to many who otherwise would have been in want. By the time readers of The Times-Dispatch see these words in print in the morning our patients here will be sleeping between the white, clean sheets and enjoying the other comforts which that paper made possible."

Dr. Gerring said that while conditions generally were satisfactory in Hopewell, more supplies were needed, and prompt assistance would be deeply appreciated. Six Red Cross nurses reported to Dr. Gerring late last night for duty in Hopewell, and they will begin their work to-day.

### ADDITIONAL DONATIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN

Additional cash donations to the Hopewell relief fund were received by this newspaper yesterday, amounting to \$22.75, and bringing the total to \$215.75. Yesterday's contributions were as follows:

A Reader.....\$ 5.00  
Mrs. Thos. N. Carter..... 10.00  
Mary and Laura Dobbie..... 2.50  
Dr. W. L. Hudson, Luray, Va..... 5.00  
Cash..... 25.75

Received yesterday..... 22.75  
Previously acknowledged.....\$193.00

Total.....\$215.75

### TROOPS ON DUTY WILL BE RELIEVED BY OTHERS

The Richmond soldiers who have been caring for the situation in Hopewell will be back to-day, Adjutant-General W. W. Sale stated yesterday, and another command, probably that from Petersburg, will be sent to relieve them.

The change in military control is dictated by business reasons. It will return a number of men to their regular duties, and it will give them experience in military operations.

Major E. W. Bowles, commanding officer of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, has been in charge at Hopewell, and his reports to the Governor, it is said, have been eminently satisfactory. Major Bowles stopped

## CHARTER-CHANGERS TACKLE BUDGET

New Section Places Rigid Em-  
bargo Against Contracts in  
Excess of Appropriations.

### CREATES EMERGENCY FUND

Amendment Limits Budget-  
Makers to Use of 95 Per Cent  
of Estimated Revenues.

Action on the part of any city officer binding the city to a contract or creating a debt against the city, for which funds shall not have been previously made available by appropriation, will render such officer liable to summary removal, if an amendment approved last night by the Council Charter-Change Committee becomes part of the new municipal constitution.

This drastic provision is embodied in a resolution which was introduced by Alderman Christian as part of the report of a subcommittee detailed to recommend steps leading to the correction of the overappropriation evil, and was adopted by a unanimous vote.

### TEXT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

The resolution inserts in the charter the following new section:

"Before any contract for work for any amount or any order for supplies exceeding \$100 shall be authorized by any board or officer of the city of Richmond on behalf of the city of Richmond, such contract or order shall be submitted to the Auditor, whose duty it shall be to state in writing, indorsed on such paper, whether funds are available for the payment of the contract or order; and any member of any such board voting to create a debt against the city of Richmond for work done or to be done, for materials furnished or to be furnished, or for any other municipal purpose, or for any other work, shall make such contract or draw such order, when they shall not be money already appropriated by the Council available to meet or pay such debt, shall ipso facto be liable to suspension or removal from office as provided in this charter."

### WILL PREVENT AWARD OF CONTRACT WITHOUT FUNDS

The new section is designed to prevent in the future the letting of contracts for which no appropriation is available—a practice which has until this year been followed to some extent by the Administrative Board in the matter of street improvements, and, in a more limited way, by the most of the other departments of the city.

The ordinances carrying into effect the annual budgets provide, in a section that is part of the measure:

"That the amounts herein shall be deemed to be the limit of amounts to be expended by any committee, Administrative Board or head of department, respectively, except by transfer authorized by the Council, and that for any debt created by any committee, Administrative Board or head of department in excess of the appropriation, the city of Richmond shall be held in no wise responsible."

### SHARP DEBATE OVER MAKE-UP OF BUDGET

The committee debated for more than an hour another amendment recommending that a subcommittee and after incorporating a change to meet the serious objection, ratified it. It provides that to section 3, the present charter describing the manner of making up the annual budget shall be added:

"But the aggregate amount of appropriations in the annual budget shall not exceed 95 per cent of the estimated receipts for the fiscal year for which such appropriation is made, based upon a report as to the aggregate income for the current fiscal year from all sources, together with any unexpended balance on hand at the end of the preceding year, as required by this section, and no other appropriation shall be made during the current fiscal year unless it be for the payment of some portion of the city debt or for the repayment of a temporary loan, except by a four-fifths vote of all of the members elected to each branch of the Council."

### CREATES EMERGENCY FUND OF 5 PER CENT

The effect of this amendment is to provide for the creation of an emergency fund of 5 per cent of the estimated revenues for the current year, to be used in meeting demands of an extraordinary character that could not reasonably have been anticipated by the emergency Council to be judge of the emergency. Such appropriations will require a four-fifths vote. At present appropriations may be made by the Council between budgets by a two-thirds vote.

On this amendment occurred the sharpest debate of the evening. As originally presented it provided that the Auditor's statement of the estimated revenues should be accepted by the Council as final. Council Member Remiss favored the retention of this provision with the added condition that the Auditor's estimate should be subject to revision by the Council by a four-fifths vote.

Leon Wallerstein supported the original report of the committee, believing that the Auditor, by virtue of his special knowledge of the city's sources of income, is the safest authority to follow on this point, and that to confer upon the Finance Committee or the Council the right to re-

## Five Opportunities

THE TIMES-DISPATCH offers to its readers the opportunity of assisting at this time in the relief of the following five cases, which have been investigated and found worthy:

**OPPORTUNITY No. 1.**  
Nurse who has helped others, and who is now asking assistance for herself. Her health is broken and she is without income. Amount needed, \$180.

Contributions received yesterday:  
A. Roeder.....\$ 5.00  
Cash..... 5.00  
Adolph Dill..... 1.00  
C. A. Richardson..... 1.00  
J. C. Kinsolving..... 1.00  
Total.....\$13.00

**OPPORTUNITY No. 2.**  
Widow with six children to care for. She asks only that aid be given her so that she may not be separated from her loved ones. Her oldest child is but thirteen. He is too young to work, though he would if he could. For this family \$200 is required.

Contributions received yesterday:  
"A".....\$ 1.00  
Cash..... 5.00  
Adolph Dill..... 1.00  
C. A. Richardson..... 1.00  
J. C. Kinsolving..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
Total.....\$10.00

**OPPORTUNITY No. 3.**  
Deserted woman with three children asks aid, that she may keep her family with her. She will need help only until that time when the children will be able to support her. She can be assisted with \$144.

Contributions received yesterday:  
Cash.....\$ 25.00  
Adolph Dill..... 5.00  
Total.....\$30.00

Contributions for any or all of the above cases may be sent to The Times-Dispatch, and will be promptly acknowledged and applied as directed by the donor.

C. A. Richardson..... 1.00  
J. C. Kinsolving..... 1.00  
Cash..... 2.00  
Total.....\$4.00

**OPPORTUNITY No. 4.**  
Confederate soldier who fought through the War between the States and wishes never to be separated from his wife. He could go to the Soldiers' Home, but he would rather remain with her, who has given him her comfort and support. For the veteran and his wife \$120 will be sufficient.

Contributions received yesterday:  
Cash.....\$5.00  
Adolph Dill..... 1.00  
C. A. Richardson..... 1.00  
J. C. Kinsolving..... 1.00  
John W. Gordon..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
Total.....\$10.00

**OPPORTUNITY No. 5.**  
A man is dying of tuberculosis. He has a wife and four children. He can no longer contribute to their support. He is in need of medical treatment, and he will die like all so that he may not be separated from those whom he holds most dear. For him and his family \$300 is needed.

Contributions received yesterday:  
Cash.....\$5.00  
Adolph Dill..... 1.00  
C. A. Richardson..... 1.00  
J. C. Kinsolving..... 1.00  
J. C. Kinsolving..... 1.00  
Cash..... 1.00  
Total.....\$10.00

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## WATER-BORNE LIQUOR FOR HOPEWELL CUT OFF

Militiamen, Armed With Rifles, Pa-  
trol James and Appomattox  
Rivers in Motor-Boats.

### BOOTLEGGERS ARE FRUSTRATED

With Land Routes Closed to Them,  
Illicit Sellers Seek to Reach Pow-  
der Town With Cargoes of Whisky.  
Vast Quantities Destroyed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HOPEWELL, Va., December 13.—Militiamen, armed with the regulation army rifles, are patrolling the Appomattox and James Rivers in motor-boats in order to head off whisky-laden boats which have been bringing whisky into Hopewell since the bootleggers learned that incoming automobiles and trains were being searched.

Dispensers of whiskyaped the vigilance of the police and militia by dropping down the rivers from Petersburg and Richmond and landing their goods on the unguarded shores of the two rivers.

### LIQUOR-LADEN BOATS CONFISCATED BY OFFICERS

Their method of evading the law was learned early to-day when one of the boats loaded with whisky was confiscated. Special Agent McConnell held a conference with Chief of Police Cotton and Major E. W. Bowles immediately afterwards, and it was decided to patrol the rivers in boats.

The police and militia applied to owners of gasoline launches at Hopewell and City Point for the use of their boats, and before the day was over they were traveling up and down the streams keeping a sharp eye out for blockade runners.

The police were forced to take this action because of the recent successful landing of large quantities of intoxicating liquor on the river.

Soon after their arrival in Hopewell on Friday night, the militia began searching alleged resorts for whisky. They found large quantities stored in some of the shanties in the negro section and destroyed it. They then began searching all incoming trains and automobiles. Jitneys going to Hopewell from Petersburg were stopped by the police about a mile west of town and the cars thoroughly searched. In some cases the police found that whisky had been hidden in the top of the automobiles.

### NUMBER OF SUITCASES FILLED WITH LIQUOR

A large number of suitcases full of whisky were found and confiscated. Information that the officers were taking this action soon reached Petersburg, and bootleggers adopted the unique method of hauling the whisky to Hopewell in motor-boats. The police, however, prevented their latest move to-day and at once took steps to prevent boats bringing further supplies to the powder town.

Special Agent McConnell, who has been keeping a record of the amount of whisky confiscated by the military and police authorities, announced late to-day that a total of 1,333 gallons of whisky and 800 bottles of beer had been destroyed.

In some instances the police intercepted wagon-loads of intoxicating liquors. One day carrying about twenty crates of beer was held. Some of the confiscated goods is being held at the temporary police headquarters in the City Point Garage.

Judge Britton made use of the crates in boxing off a make-shift bench, from behind which he meted out justice to offenders.

### GOING AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS?

Reduced fares for the holidays via SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Phone Madison 272.

## PROMPT RESPONSE GIVEN "FIVE OPPORTUNITIES"

Richmond Public Takes Hold of Pa-  
thetic Needs of Those Whom  
Fortune Has Failed.

### TOTAL COST WILL BE \$844

With That Sum These Five Families  
Can Be Kept Together, Saved  
From Want and May Preserve  
Their Self-Respect.

Response to the "five opportunities" presented yesterday by The Times-Dispatch to the public was immediate and generous. Each of the five cases was remembered, and there will be for the time being no lack among those who have made appeal for help.

The Times-Dispatch received at the end of the first day \$61.75, which it acknowledges, and which it will see is properly distributed through the agency of the Associated Charities. The families who receive this aid may not, and may never, know those who have helped them. But there will be no lack in their appreciation, and the donors will always know, if they never hear a word of thanks, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Thus are both benefited.

It was the first time that such a request had been made of the Richmond people, and The Times-Dispatch joins with the Associated Charities and with those to whom aid has been given in expressing thanks for this evidence of generosity on the part of the Richmond citizenry.

### "THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTION WILL SAY" FROM WANT

The contributions, as each was destined, will be given to trained nurse who helped others in their hour of need; to a widow who has six small children dependent upon her; to a woman who was deserted by her husband and left with the care of three; to a Confederate soldier, whose only desire is that he may spend the rest of his days with her who has been his mainstay and support, and to the man who, dying of tuberculosis, has a wife and four children who cry to him for bread. Surely, there is no one who would refuse the pittance asked from his purse.

By means of one urgent appeal, \$61.75 has been subscribed to the need. It will be necessary to raise \$844 if all these five families be properly cared for. There are others who from their larger means can help; there are teachers of church and home, who remember too the anguish of a child gazing on an empty stocking or asking for a crust of bread. There are others who spend where there is no cause, who can give where there is no need, who can help one of these five families if they will. The Associated Charities gives aid to those who will help themselves.

In placing a man on his feet, in saving to her the mother's brood, in keeping husband and wife together, the Associated Charities believes that it has a right to call on the public to make a general appeal. A child saved to its mother will become a good citizen; a child torn from the bosom that gave it breath and flung as a piece of driftwood on the street will become, in all probability, a burden on the State and a challenge to the civilization which permitted it to face alone the path of temptation.

### OPPORTUNITY TO HELP IS DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE

Life is often a matter of dollars and cents. A little money may save, where its immediate lack leads to ruin and degradation. It is better to save to a mother her children than to care for them later in prison. It is better to care for a woman who has given her heart to others than to let her go the path of want and despair. It is better to keep a Confederate soldier and his

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## CLEAR ROAD LEFT FOR ALLIES TO FALL BACK ON SALONKI

They Successfully Carry  
Out Their Retirement  
From Serbia.

### PURSUING BULGARS KEPT AT FAIRLY SAFE DISTANCE

Question Arises, Will Austro-  
German Forces Follow Retreat-  
ing Army Into Greece?

### SERBIANS STILL RESISTING

Only Small Actions Have Taken  
Place on Eastern and West-  
ern Fronts.

Although outnumbered ten to one by the Bulgarians, who were well supplied with ammunition and guns, the British forces in Serbia have been able to recross the Greek frontier, and now are said to have an open pathway back to the sea.

Along the Albanian frontier and in Montenegro the Bulgarians and Austro-Hungarians continue, although slowly, their gains against the retreating Serbs and the Montenegrins.

On the other war fronts there have been no battles of great magnitude. Artillery bombardments have prevailed almost exclusively on the French, Russian and Austro-Italian lines.

The Turkish attack on Kuv-el-Ahmar, where the British retreated from the Bagdad region, has been repulsed with heavy losses, and British re-enforcements are being pushed forward to that point.

The destruction of a Zeppelin airship in the Liban region is reported from Petrograd. The entire crew of the airship was burned to death.

LONDON, December 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia across the Greek frontier, and by an arrangement with the Greek government a clear road has been left for them to fall back on Salonki, which is being organized as a base.

The German official report of to-day claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement, but this is considered here an exaggeration. Accounts from Athens and Salonki say the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner and without heavy losses. By the destruction of railway bridges and by stubborn rear-guard actions, in one of which two companies of the Inniskilling Regiment sacrificed themselves to save their comrades, the Bulgarians were kept at a fairly safe distance.

The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Austro-German forces intend to follow the British and French troops into Greece, and what action the Greek government will take should they do so. The impression gained from dispatches emanating in Athens is that neither the Bulgarians nor the Turks, who also are reported to have arrived near the front, would be welcomed in Greece, and that, therefore, if it has been decided to follow the entente allies, the task will be undertaken by Austrians and Germans.

### MAY BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE GREECE MUST ACT

However, with the railway dead eyed, it may be some days before Greece is called upon to take action, and by that time the Anglo-French forces should be safely in the defenses of Salonki and under the guns of the ships.

The remnants of the Serbian army are still resisting the Austrians and Bulgarians in Albania, while the Austrians are making very slow progress in their efforts to overwhelm Montenegro, where heavy fighting continues.

Only small actions have taken place on the eastern and western fronts. On the Gallipoli Peninsula a fall of snow is impeding the operations, although the entente allied ships keep things lively for the Turks, whose attempt at an offensive last week seems to have failed.

A British official report says that the Turkish attacks at Kut-el-Amar, where British re-enforcements are arriving, have been repulsed. The attacks were made from all sides, but the British position was so strong that the Turks were unable to make any impression on it.

### SACRIFICE THEMSELVES TO SAVE COMRADES

LONDON, December 13.—How two companies of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, another of the Irish regiments forming the British divisions, which are making a fighting retirement from Serbia, sacrificed themselves to cover